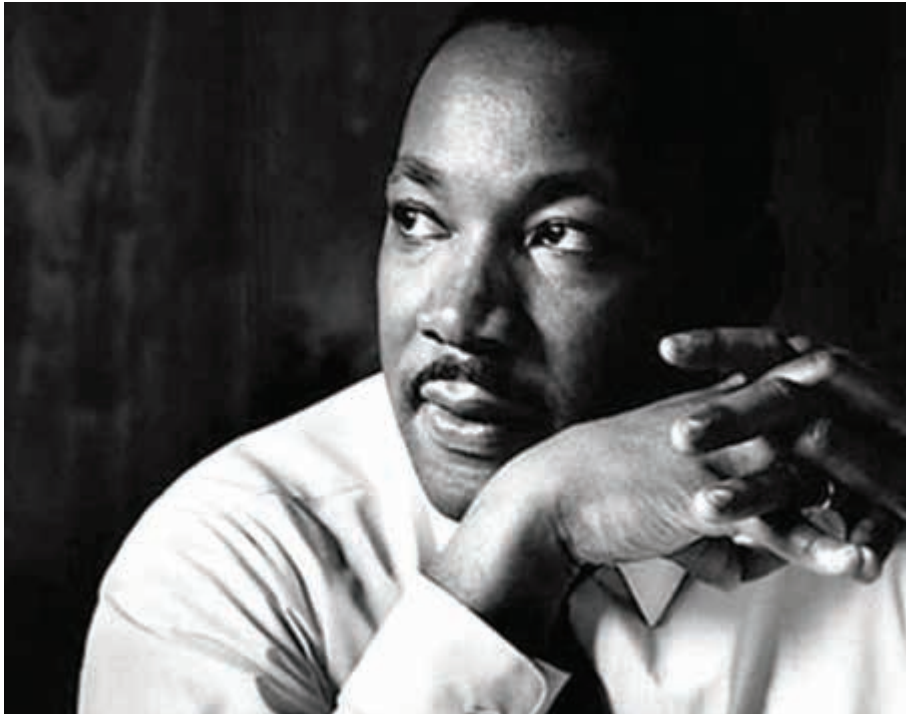


# Our Town

January/February 2015

TOWN of WAKE FOREST



## KEEPING *the* DREAM ALIVE

*Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy is  
remembered at community celebration*

**T**he life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be honored on Thursday, Jan. 22, at Friendship Chapel Baptist Church, 237 Friendship Chapel Road, during a free, public celebration.

The community is invited to attend the supper beginning at 6 p.m. followed by the program at 7 p.m. Samuel Gunter, Faith and Advocacy Coordinator with Habitat for Humanity Wake County, will be the featured speaker. The program will also showcase the art and performances of young people from local schools.

Local groups that contributed to the celebration include Friendship Chapel Baptist Church, Heritage Baptist Church, Wake Forest Baptist Church and Wakefield Family Church. Other supporters include Faith Tabernacle United

Holy Church, Corinth UCC, New Bethel Rousesville, Olive Branch Baptist Church, Wake Forest Methodist Church and the Kiwanis Club of Wake Forest.

This year's event is centered around one of King's messages: "All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence."

For more information, contact Lori Moss at [mossdj@bellsouth.net](mailto:mossdj@bellsouth.net).

### Town's Holiday Schedule

Town hall and all administrative offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 19 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Garbage and recycling will be collected as usual. Wake Forest bus service and yard waste collection will be suspended for the day and will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 20.

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## News highlights

### Longtime Town Manager Announces Retirement »

After three decades of service to the Town of Wake Forest, Town Manager Mark Williams announced in mid-December he will retire April 30, 2015. His retirement will cap a 36-year career in public service, the last 22 as Wake Forest Town Manager.

Williams began his career in public service in 1979 in the Town of Henderson, NC. Four years later he came to work in Wake Forest as the town's parks and recreation director. In 1987 Williams was named assistant town manager, and in 1993 he was appointed town manager.

Wake Forest will immediately begin the process of hiring a new manager and is expected to hire a consultant to lead the search.



### Bright Star Touring Theatre Presents George Washington Carver & Friends »

The Bright Star Touring Theatre will offer a free performance Saturday, Feb. 7, at 1 p.m. at the Alston-Massenburg Center, 416 N. Taylor St.

Join George Washington Carver as he leads the audience on a fast paced and hilarious introduction to some of the most influential black Americans of the last 150 years. Booker T. Washington, Robinson, Thurgood Marshall and Madame C.J. Walker are just a few of the inspirational stories brought to life. The show is geared for grades pre-K to 5.

For more information, contact the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department at 919-435-9560.





## PD installs drug drop-off box

The Wake Forest Police Department recently installed a drug collection unit or drop-off box at the Brooks Street Substation, 221 S. Brooks St.

The police department received the free drop-off unit through a grant from CVS Pharmacy's Medication Disposal for Safer Communities program. Citizens are encouraged to drop off unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications during normal business hours Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Items that will be accepted include prescription pills or patches, ointments, vitamins and over-the-counter medications. Items not accepted include liquids of any kind, aerosol cans, inhalers, needles and thermometers.

All of the medications collected will be secured by the police department and destroyed by incineration. Providing a safe and environmentally responsible method of discarding unwanted medications is an important tool in the fight against prescription drug abuse.



## Wake Forest athlete inspires children to make good choices

When Officer Scott Graham teaches the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) curriculum to area elementary students, he invites former DARE graduates to speak with the children about making positive choices in their lives. **Bryce Love**, a star sprinter and running back for the Wake Forest High School football team, connected with the young students during a recent classroom visit.



# WINTER TREE CARE

*Simple tips to help your trees survive the cold months*

Imagine stepping outside on a cold, blustery winter day and realizing you don't have on enough layers to protect yourself from the elements. Maybe you need on a thicker pair of socks to keep your feet warm, or a scarf to protect your neck from the biting wind.

While trees are dormant in the winter, they're not protected from the elements. Winter can be especially stressful on young or newly planted trees. Use these tips to help your trees survive winter so they can return to their crowning glory come spring.

- Mulch insulates the soil and tree roots from temperature extremes and slows water loss from the soil. Think of it as putting on a pair of wool socks!
- Water newly planted trees, especially evergreen trees. Evergreen trees and shrubs continue to lose moisture from pores on the undersides of their leaves, even in winter, so it is especially important to keep their roots hydrated.

- Snow and ice can weigh down tree branches, risking breakage. Dry, fluffy snow can be removed with a broom by gently brushing toward the trunk. Do not attempt to shake ice off branches, as this can cause damage or breakage.
- Never, under any circumstances try to remove any part of a tree that is in proximity to or touching power lines. Contact Wake Forest Power to remove ice or snow-covered limbs that overhang or are touching power lines.
- Keep ice melting products containing sodium chloride away from trees. Excess salt in the soil interferes with roots' ability to absorb water, oxygen and nutrients. Choose products containing calcium, potassium or magnesium chloride.

—JENNIFER RALL, Urban Forestry Coordinator



## Do your winter bills give you the chills?

Warm up to these easy, money-saving tips provided by NC Public Power:

- Set your thermostat to 68 degrees or lower. Every degree above 68 increases your energy use by 3-5 percent.
- Install a programmable thermostat and set it to turn down your heat at night.
- Traditional fireplaces lose much more heat than they produce, so only use them on mild days.
- Avoid using space heaters for long periods of time. Use of one small (1500 watt) heater in your home could add more than \$100 to your monthly electric bill.
- Clean and replace your air filters regularly. Dirty filters restrict airflow and increase energy use.
- Let the sunshine in. Open drapes and let the sun heat your home for free!





### Jan/Feb edition of **RecConnect** is available

Registration is now underway for winter programs offered by the Wake Forest Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department (PRCR). *RecConnect* provides complete information about youth and adult programs and athletics. To view *RecConnect*, visit [wake-forestnc.gov/recconnect.aspx](http://wake-forestnc.gov/recconnect.aspx) or pick up a printed copy at Wake Forest Town Hall.



### Calling all princesses

The PRCR Department is offering two special events for young princesses ages 3-7.

#### **Elsa & Ana's Frozen Wonderland**

Join the royal sisters for fun crafts, activities and an interactive storytime where every child has a role. The program includes two craft projects, a special lesson activity and concludes with a coronation ceremony. Two sessions are offered Saturday, Jan. 24, from 10-11:30 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m. \$35 per child, adults admitted free.

#### **Valentine's Princess Boutique and Ball**

Wear your favorite princess dress and join Cinderella and Sleeping Beauty for a Valentine's Boutique and Ball. Girls will be pampered with hair, nails and make-up in preparation for dancing at the ball. Two sessions are offered Saturday, Feb. 14, from 10-11:30 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m. \$50 per child, adults admitted free.

Both princess events will be held at the Wake Forest Community House, 133 W. Owen Ave. Register at town hall or online at [wakeforestnc.recdesk.com](http://wakeforestnc.recdesk.com). Call 919-435-9560 for more details.



## Mardi Gras Street Festival: Feb. 14

The third annual Mardi Gras celebration is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 14, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., in downtown Wake Forest.

The festival will feature music, street performances and a walking parade for children and adults. Line-up for the parade begins at 12:45 p.m. in front of town hall. Awards will be given for Parade Prince & Princess, Best Float (bike, wagon or scooter), Best Baby, Most Festive

Family and Best Mask.

The Bubblegum Blowing Contest returns again this year with recognition given to those that can blow the best bubbles. Face painting will be offered throughout the day as well as horse and carriage rides and children's activities.

Visit [wakeforestnc.gov/wake-forest-mardi-gras.aspx](http://wakeforestnc.gov/wake-forest-mardi-gras.aspx) for up-to-date information or call 919-435-9415.

## Exploring the History of Wake Forest

### Writer's Night in the Forest focuses on town's colorful history

Ever wonder what the first cataract surgery was like? The first surgery was performed right here in Wake Forest (trust us, we've come a long way since then).

How about the mysterious fires on the college campus during the 1930s? Do you know if they caught the arsonist?

Learn about these and many more interesting stories during a special presentation of Writer's Night in the Forest on Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Renaissance Centre. Hosted by Suzanne Lucey, the evening will feature a panel of local experts who will share interesting stories about Wake Forest. Short films will be shown and historical artifacts will be on display.



**PANELISTS** Local experts on the panel will include Carol Pelosi, Ed Morris, Durward Matheny and Chip Russell (not pictured)



## Nominations sought for Green Medal Awards

The Wake Forest Urban Forestry Board is requesting nominations for the 2015 Green Medal Awards of Excellence. The awards recognize individuals, groups and businesses that promote good environmental stewardship and that demonstrate a commitment to the town's urban forest.

Last year's award recipients included

Heritage High School, the Wake Forest Lions Club, J.D. Yoakum, Michel Tackett and Wake Forest Assistant Town Engineer Holly Miller.

Nomination forms are available at [wakeforestnc.gov/urban-forestry-board1.aspx](http://wakeforestnc.gov/urban-forestry-board1.aspx) and at town hall. The deadline to submit a nomination is 5 p.m., Monday, Feb. 2.

**3,684** ~ the number of people that attended Renaissance Centre events during its first 12 months



## Names of deceased veterans

The town recently joined with several local veterans organizations to introduce a monthly flag-raising ceremony honoring the sacrifices of deceased Wake Forest veterans and their families.

The planning committee for these ceremonies is soliciting the names of deceased Wake Forest veterans who may be honored during the flag-raising.

# OPERATION BRIDGE EXCHANGE

*NCDOT begins four bridge replacement projects in Wake Forest*

The N.C. Department of Transportation has scheduled four bridge replacement projects in the Wake Forest area from January 2015 through August 2016. The bridges are located along West Oak Avenue, Purnell Road, Forestville Road and Rogers Road.

The town has named the four bridge replacement projects "Operation Bridge Exchange." The new bridges will improve safety, meet increasing traffic demands and provide pedestrian access.

To help keep area drivers informed about these projects and detours during construction, the town has created a bridge replacement portal at [wakeforestnc.gov/operation-bridge-exchange.aspx](http://wakeforestnc.gov/operation-bridge-exchange.aspx). The online portal provides up-to-date information about each of the projects, including timelines, maps and detours. By providing

all of the information in one convenient location, the town aims to help reduce the impact of these projects on those who live in and travel through the affected areas.

The new West Oak Avenue bridge will have a sidewalk, a multi-use path and a pedestrian underpass.



\*Construction dates are subject to change due to inclement weather or unexpected changes in work schedules.

2015

West Oak Avenue: January-July

Forestville Road: April-August

2016

Rogers Road: March-August

## 1 West Oak Avenue

### NEW FEATURES:

3-lane bridge with a 5' wide sidewalk on the east side and a 10' wide multi-use path on the west side plus a pedestrian underpass

## 2 Forestville Road

### NEW FEATURES:

3-lane bridge with a 5' wide sidewalk on the west side (near Heritage High School) plus a pedestrian underpass

## 3 Purnell Road

### FEATURES: new

2-lane bridge will have design standards that are up-to-date

## 4 Rogers Road

### NEW FEATURES:

5-lane bridge with a 5' wide sidewalk on both sides plus a pedestrian underpass

months of operation

51 ~ the number of ticketed events held at the centre since November 2013

## Deceased Wake Forest veterans sought

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To be eligible for consideration, the deceased veteran must meet one of the following criteria: 1) joined active duty in Wake Forest; 2) died in Wake Forest; or 3) was a member of a Wake Forest veterans' organization.

To submit a name, contact the Wake Forest Memorial Flag-Raising Committee Chair Dennis Mecum at 919-327-7887 or [cdrvfpost8466@](mailto:cdrvfpost8466@)

yahoo.com.

The next ceremony is scheduled for Monday, April 6, at 11 a.m. honoring Roger Marvin Hockaday.

Visit [wakeforestnc.gov/memorial-flag-raising-ceremony.aspx](http://wakeforestnc.gov/memorial-flag-raising-ceremony.aspx) for more information and to view the 1-minute video about the ceremonies.



## Apply now for Meet in the Street

Here's your chance to be a part of the 2015 Meet in the Street! The Wake Forest Area Chamber of Commerce is currently accepting applications for vendors, non-profits and downtown merchants for this highly-anticipated community event.

Applications are now available online at [wakeforestnc.gov/meet-in-the-street.aspx](http://wakeforestnc.gov/meet-in-the-street.aspx) and at the Wake Forest Area Chamber

of Commerce, 350 S. White St.

The 35th Annual Meet in the Street® festival will take place Saturday, May 2, in historic downtown Wake Forest.

For sponsorship opportunities or to provide musical performances on the main stage, contact Corey Hutcherson at [corey@wakeforestchamber.org](mailto:corey@wakeforestchamber.org) or 919-229-8506. Volunteers are also needed throughout the day of the event.



coming up at the

# Wake Forest Renaissance Centre

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### State of the Town Address & Dinner

Monday, Feb. 16; 6 p.m.

Mayor Vivian Jones will deliver the 2015



State of the Town Address at the annual event presented by the Wake Forest Rotary Club. Tickets are \$15 per person and include a buffet dinner. Purchase tickets online

at [wakeforestnc.gov/state-of-the-town.aspx](http://wakeforestnc.gov/state-of-the-town.aspx) or in person at town hall or at the Renaissance Centre.

Mayor Jones' State of the Town Address will be recorded and replayed on Wake Forest TV 10 throughout March. It will also be available in streaming video on the town's website.

### TGIF Dance Party!

Friday, Jan. 30 & Feb. 27; 7:30 p.m.

After a long week, let loose at the TGIF Dance Party. We'll be line dancing in January and '80s dancing in February. No experience required. Learn basic steps and then put them together to learn easy dances. Professional DJ and dance instruction provided by Rachel Macholl's Academy of Dance. **Tickets:** \$5 (plus tax). Concessions will be available for purchase.

### Special Needs Movie Night

Friday, Jan. 23; 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy a movie with your child in a safe and accepting environment. The viewing area will have added lighting and the movie's volume will be lower. Audience members are invited to get up and dance, walk, shout or sing. The rule of the day is fun without repercussions. Free admission.

## MONTHLY EVENTS

### First Friday Flix. First Fridays, 7 p.m.

Monthly movie showings feature a variety of film favorites. Call 919-435-9428 to hear the name of the movie. Free.

### flix4kidz. Second Mondays; 10:30 a.m.

Monthly movie showings geared for ages 3-10. All shows are rated G or PG. Call 919-435-9428 to hear the name of the movie. Free.

### Scrap Happens & Open Craft Night.

Jan. 16 & Feb. 20; 5-11 p.m. in the Arts Annex. Gather with other crafters to work on current projects or participate in the 'make and take' project of the month. \$10.

### Carolina Puppet Theater. Jan. 7 & 21,

Feb. 4 & 18; 11 a.m. Storytelling, music and puppetry geared for ages 3-7. New shows each month. \$5 plus tax. Children under 2 are admitted free.

### Cinema at the Centre. Jan. 8 & Feb. 12;

7 p.m. An evening of film and facilitated discussion. Call 919-435-9428 to hear the name of the movie. Free.

### Forest Moon Theater presents 'Too

Much Noise' Saturday, Feb. 7; 11 a.m. Original and interactive children's play geared for ages 3-7. \$5 plus tax.

### Writer's Night in the Forest. Jan. 15

& Feb. 26; 7 p.m. Guest authors will discuss their books with the audience. January: Connie Domino, *The Law of Forgiveness*. February: Exploring the History of Wake Forest; Carol Pelosi, *Connections...100 Years of Wake Forest History*. Free.

### Free at Three. Mondays; 3 p.m. Monthly

movie showings geared for the over fifty crowd. Call 919-435-9428 to hear the name of the movie. Free.

## PROGRAMS

### Winter Arts Classes

Visit [wakeforestnc.gov/renaissance-centre.aspx](http://wakeforestnc.gov/renaissance-centre.aspx) for complete details and to register for the programs listed below. Call Cathy Gouge for more information at 919-435-9567.

**Zentangle for Kids.** Tuesdays, Jan. 20-Feb. 10, 4-5:30 p.m. *Ages 8-14.*

**Explore Zentangle.** Saturday, Feb. 7; 10 a.m.-noon. *Ages 15-adult.*

**Percussion Playground.** Tuesdays, Jan. 20-Feb 24; 4:30 p.m.-5:15 p.m. *Grades K-2.* Tuesdays, Jan. 20-Feb 24; 5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m. *Grades 3-5.*

**Ensemble Acting and Playwriting.** Thursdays, Jan. 15-March 5; 4-5:30 p.m. *Grades 6-8.*

**Improv FUNDamentals.** Saturday, Feb. 7; 9 a.m.-noon. *Ages 12-15.*

**Acting Adventures.** Saturday, Feb. 7; 1-3 p.m. *Ages 5-8.*

**What's YOUR Story.** Saturdays, Jan. 24-Feb. 7; 10-11:30 a.m. *Ages 15+.*

**Beginning Crochet.** Tuesdays, Jan. 20-Feb. 17; 4:30-6 p.m. *Ages 11-adult.*

**Beginning Knitting.** Tuesdays, Jan. 20-Feb. 17; 6:30-8 p.m. *Ages 11-adult.*



### Planning a wedding?

Couples searching for a unique location for their wedding ceremony and reception will discover several excellent options in the Wake Forest area. One of the options is the Renaissance Centre.

Primarily used as a cultural arts facility, the Renaissance Centre also offers an elegant and sophisticated backdrop for special events.

For rates and floorplans, visit the centre's website or contact Pamela Stevens at 919-435-9566 or [pstevens@wakeforestnc.gov](mailto:pstevens@wakeforestnc.gov).

Purchase tickets online at [wakeforestnc.gov/tickets-events.aspx](http://wakeforestnc.gov/tickets-events.aspx) or at the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre box office (*convenience fees and taxes may apply*)

#### WAKE FOREST RENAISSANCE CENTRE

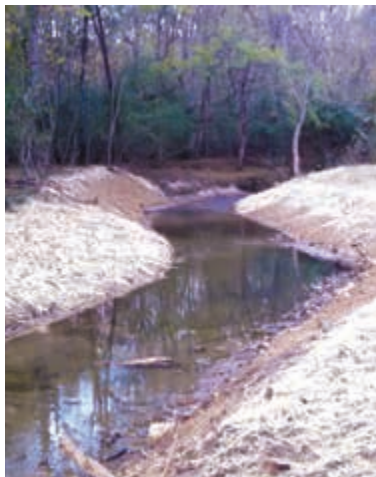
405 S. Brooks St. | Events Hotline 919-435-9428 | Box Office 919-435-9458

Arts Annex: 407 S. Brooks St. (next door to the Renaissance Centre)

[wakeforestnc.gov/renaissance-centre.aspx](http://wakeforestnc.gov/renaissance-centre.aspx)



Sign up to receive email updates about upcoming programs and events at the Renaissance Centre. Visit the website and click on "Join our Mailing List."



## Richland Creek stream restoration complete

A contractor hired by the town has completed the restoration of the Richland Creek stream bank—the first step toward reopening the Richland Creek Greenway. The eroding stream bank near the Olde Mill Stream neighborhood created safety issues on the trail. Portions of the stream have been relocated away from the greenway.



## Sewer line improvement project underway—greenways will be affected

The City of Raleigh and Park Construction of NC, Inc., are installing new sewer lines from the Smith Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant to Franklin Street.

The project will affect portions of the Wake Forest greenway system including the section of the Smith Creek Greenway from Burlington Mills Road to the Neuse River Bridge and Dunn Creek Greenway near Heritage Lake Road. These areas will be closed during periods of construction.

Area residents are strongly urged to obey the posted signage and avoid these areas during periods of construction.

According to the current project schedule, the Smith Creek Greenway is expected to reopen in late spring 2015. The City of Raleigh has not announced when work will begin in the area of the Dunn Creek Greenway.

For more information, visit [wakeforestnc.gov/smith-creek-interceptor-improvement-project.aspx](http://wakeforestnc.gov/smith-creek-interceptor-improvement-project.aspx).

## Glad You Asked TOWN OF WAKE FOREST Q&A

**Q:** Our son has special needs. Does the town offer any specialized programs? We'd like to enroll him in activities that he can enjoy.

**A:** Yes, the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department now offers programs for children with physical or intellectual disabilities. While all town recreation programs are inclusive—individuals with and without disabilities are encouraged to participate together—new programs now offer activities geared for your special needs child. Here are some options:

**Sensory Fun Days.** Every Sunday afternoon, Sensory Fun Days is offered at Flaherty Park Community Center, 1226 N. White Street, from 3-5 pm. This unstructured open play time is for children ages 18 months-13 years. The program is free and a parent or caretaker must accompany each child.

**Special Needs Movie Night.** The Wake Forest Renaissance Centre offers a movie night that provides a highly accepting environment. See page 4 of this newsletter for details.

**Special Needs Valentine Party.** Youth with special needs and their siblings are invited to celebrate Valentine's Day on Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Wake Forest Community House, 133 W. Owen Ave. The party is from 6-8 p.m. and will feature music, crafts, games and refreshments. Registration is \$10 per child. Parents and caretakers are admitted free. Register at town hall or online at [wakeforestnc.recdesk.com](http://wakeforestnc.recdesk.com).

**Dream League Baseball.** An adaptive baseball league is offered for school-aged children. Games are played on Saturdays. Registration is accepted Feb. 1-28. For more information about these programs, call 919-435-9560 or see our program guide at [wakeforestnc.gov/reconnect.aspx](http://wakeforestnc.gov/reconnect.aspx).

## Stream clean-up yields a lot of trash



*Pictured in front (l to r): Justin Avila, Daniel Leary, Jonah Avila, Colby Miller, Alex Honruchak, Will DiPillo; back: Campbell Miller, Sailor Barrington*

A small group of scouts retrieved several tires, mattress springs, plastic pipes, cans, bottles and balls during a clean-up project along Smith Creek. Led by Stephen Barrington, the kids from Pack 5 said they also found some items that were just too heavy to haul or dig out.

If your group would like to help with a stream clean-up project, contact Assistant Town Engineer Holly Miller, 919-435-9443, [hmiller@wakeforestnc.gov](mailto:hmiller@wakeforestnc.gov).

## YOUR GOVERNMENT

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

Third Tuesday | 7 pm  
Town Hall Board Room

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION

First Tuesday | 5:30 pm  
Town Hall Board Room

### PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

First Tuesday | 7:30 pm  
Town Hall Board Room

- Watch meetings live on WFTV 10.
- Watch meetings live or on-demand in streaming video: [wakeforestnc.gov/government-boardof-commissioners.aspx](http://wakeforestnc.gov/government-boardof-commissioners.aspx).
- Watch re-broadcasts of meetings on WFTV 10 at 9 am, 3 pm and 9 pm. daily for up to two weeks after the meeting.



WFTV 10 can be found at digital channel 97.5. Watch it live online at [wakeforestnc.gov/wftv-10.aspx](http://wakeforestnc.gov/wftv-10.aspx).

## STAYING INFORMED

### Choose your news with E-NOTIFIER

When you subscribe to the town's free email service, E-Notifier, you can specify the type of news you receive in your inbox. Select from a menu of topics including police advisories, traffic alerts, meeting agendas, special event reminders and more.

Signing up or modifying your selections is easy. Go to [wakeforestnc.gov/enotifier.aspx](http://wakeforestnc.gov/enotifier.aspx) and enter your email address. You will then be offered the lists to which you can subscribe. You may change your preferences at any time.



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